

Dubois County Local EQIP Ranking Questions

2005

Points

1. Are livestock, livestock manure, or manure storage involved in this application? YES_____ NO_____
2. Based upon your most recent soil test, which of the following best represents the cropland being offered for contract?
 - A) P1/Mehlich 3 ppm test 100-200 ppm on all fields (10 points)
 - B) P1/Mehlich 3 ppm test >200 on 25% of the fields (30 points)
 - C) P1/Mehlich 3 ppm test >200 on 50% of the fields (40 points)
 - D) No soil test available (0 points)
 - E) None of the above (0 points) _____
3. Does your operation currently have less than 180 days manure storage capacity? YES_____ (50 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____
4. Do current methods of disposal of livestock mortality present a water quality threat? YES_____ (30 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____
5. Do livestock have free access to waterbodies? YES_____ (30 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____
6. Do woodlands and other sensitive areas show increased soil erosion, reduced water quality, reduced production, or loss of wildlife habitat due to livestock pressure? YES_____ (30 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____
7. How many forested acres do you intend to add by connecting 2 or more existing woodland areas, expanding an existing woodland, or creating a new woodland?
 - A) 0 to 0.10 acre (0 points)
 - B) 0.11 to 2 acres (10 points)
 - C) 2.1 to 4 acres (20 points)
 - D) >4.1 acres (30 points) _____
8. Estimate the percentage of woodland where timber production is reduced due to competitive vegetative growth.
 - A) 75-100% (30 points)
 - B) 50-75% (20 points)
 - C) <50% (10 points)
 - D) 0 (0 points) _____
9. Are nutrients and pesticides applied within 50 feet of waterbodies? YES_____ (30 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____
10. Is pasture production reduced by overgrazing? YES_____ (40 points) NO_____ (0 points) _____

11. Which of the following best describes your current tillage activities on your cropland?
- A) A system that leaves less than 20% to 30% ground cover at the time of planting. Some type of fall tillage is used more than 50% of the time. (30 points)
 - B) A system that leaves more than 30% surface residues at the time of planting. No fall tillage is used but some type of spring tillage is used every year. (20 points)
 - C) A system that uses both tillage and no-tillage depending on crops planted. (10 points)
 - D) A complete No-till system is used on all crops planted. (0 points) _____
12. Estimate the current length of active gully erosion on the cropland and pastureland being offered for contract?
- A) > 1500 feet (50 points)
 - B) 1000-1499 feet (40 points)
 - C) 500-999 feet (30 points)
 - D) <500 feet (20 points)
 - E) None (0 points) _____
13. Based upon the Dubois County Soil Survey, which of the following best represents the land being offered for contract?
- A) Soil capability Class I (5 points)
 - B) Soil capability Class II (5 points)
 - C) Soil capability Class III (20 points)
 - D) Soil capability Class IV (30 points)
 - E) Soil capability Class V (30 points)
 - F) Soil capability Class VI (30 points)
 - G) Soil capability Class VII (0 points) _____
14. Estimate the number of acres that will be removed from crop production and returned to a land use better suited to its capability class.
- A) >10 acres (40 points)
 - B) 5-10 acres (30 points)
 - C) 0-5 acres (20 points)
 - D) 0 acres (0 points) _____
15. According to Farm Service Agency records, what percentage of the cropland and pastureland fields are listed as highly erodible? (HEL)
- A) None (0 points)
 - B) 1 to 10% (10 points)
 - C) 11 to 20% (20 points)
 - D) 21 to 30% (30 points)
 - E) Greater than 30% (40 points) _____

Total Points: (500 max.) _____